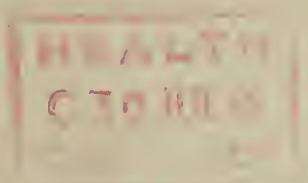


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THE BOROUGH OF LYME REGIS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1955.



Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1956.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,
of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report
for the year 1955.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order :-

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The health of the community has been good. There were no serious outbreaks of notifiable Infectious Diseases during the year. No cases of Tuberculosis occurred.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Mr. Prescott, the Sanitary Inspector, who is also Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer. He is working under difficult conditions because of the lack of clerical assistance.

I am, your obedient servant,

A. Armit.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.....E. Prescott, M.R.S.I., Regd. Archt..
Meat Inspector. (Part-time).....K.I. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S..
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres. 1,237.
Registrar General's estimate of population 3,060.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate
Books as at the end of 1955) 1,196
Rateable Value. £29,774
Sum represented by a Penny Rate £114

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births. M. F.
Total Births. 13 13 Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate. 11 13 resident population - 8.49 crude
Illegitimate. 2 - 9.76 corrected
Comparability Factor 1.15

Still Births. M. F.
Total Still Births. 1 - Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate. 1 - resident population - 0.33

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.
 M. F.
Total. - 1 Death Rate of all Infants per 1,000
Illegitimate. - 1 notified births - 38.46

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.
 M. F.
Total. - - Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks
 per 1,000 notified Births - Nil.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.....Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births.....Nil.

Deaths at all ages and from all Causes.
 M. F.
 21 28 Death Rate per 1,000 estimated
 resident population - 16.01 crude
 11.37 corrected
Comparability Factor 0.71

Note - Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Return.

	Males.		Females.		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	-	1	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	-	-	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	2	-	5	2	9
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	2	4	2	11
18. Coronary disease, angina.	2	1	2	1	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	1	1	2
20. Other heart disease.	2	-	3	1	6
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	-	-
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	-	-	1	-	1
24. Bronchitis.	1	1	1	-	3
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-	-	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	-	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	1	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	1	1	-	3
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-	-	-	1
34. All other accidents.	1	-	1	-	2
35. Suicide.	-	-	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	16.	5.	21.	7.	49.

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Population.....	2715	2835	2888	2935	3021	3063	3096	2989	2995	3030	3060
Rateable Value.....	£24976	£25781	£26357	£26694	£26842	£26853	£27149	£27491	£28162	£29200	£29774
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate....	£96	£100	£101	£102	£103	£106	£106	£108	£109	£113	£114
BIRTHS.											
Live Births.....	29	42	55	40	48	35	43	29	33	35	26
Legitimate.....	29	37	49	37	48	30	41	27	32	32	24
Illegitimate.....	—	5	6	3	—	5	2	2	1	3	2
Still Births.....	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	4	2	1
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	10.7	14.8	19.0	13.6	15.9	11.4	13.9	9.7	11	11.6	8.5
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	10.7	14.8	19.0	13.6	15.9	11.4	15.0	10.5	11.9	13.3	9.8
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	19.2	20.6	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0
DEATHS.											
Total Deaths.....	37	38	61	35	54	40	56	39	32	42	49
Death Rate (crude).....	9.5	13.4	21.1	11.9	17.9	13.1	18.1	13	10.7	13.9	16.1
Death Rate (corrected).....	9.5	13.4	21.1	11.9	17.9	13.1	18.1	13	10.7	13.9	16.1
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.4
INFANT MORTALITY.											
Deaths under 1 year.....	2	4	4	—	1	—	2	1	2	—	1
Infantile Death Rate.....	68.9	95.2	72.7	—	20.8	—	46.5	34.5	60.6	—	38.5
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	53	42.9	41.4	33.9	32.4	29.6	29.7	27.6	26.8	25.4	24.9
MATERNAL MORTALITY.											
Maternal Deaths.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	33.33	—	17.86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.43	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.64

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

There are two sources of supply, namely, Rhode Barton and Pinhay. The former, owned by the Council is from shallow sources with a maximum yield of 48,000 g.p.d., while the latter, owned by the Lyme Regis District Water Company, is from deep springs with an average daily yield of 750,000 g.p.d.. Under agreement, a maximum of 50,000 g.p.d. is taken by the Council from the Company through break pressure tanks and valves, with an arrangement to increase this amount up to 150,000 gallons when required.

Certain areas of the District at high levels, are supplied direct by the Company, and this consumption is not recorded in the figures given below.

Both supplies are chlorinated, and at Rhode Barton, pumping and chlorination are automatic by electric control.

The quarterly consumption from both sources was as follows :-

	<u>Pinhay.</u>	<u>Rhode Barton.</u>
1st. Quarter.	7,218,270	3,800,000
2nd. "	6,765,670	4,030,000
3rd. "	10,785,570	3,685,000
4th. "	6,402,790	3,560,000
Total.	<u>31,172,300</u>	<u>15,075,000</u>

Compared with 1954, the Council in 1955 took 737,000 gallons more from the Company and 1,896,000 less from Rhode Barton.

10 samples were taken from the Rhode Barton, Pinhay, and mixed supply. All were satisfactory except 1 from the collecting chamber at Rhode Barton.

<u>Hardness</u>	<u>Pinhay.</u>	<u>Rhode Barton.</u>
Total Hardness.	13.0 degrees.	2.8 degrees.
Temporary Hardness.	10.9 "	0.7 "
Permanent Hardness.	2.1 "	2.1 "

Over 90% of the houses have water laid on and the remainder are supplied from outside taps.

<u>Rainfall.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May.</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jly.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
1954.	1.36	3.28	3.94	0.39	1.34	2.58	3.00	3.77	3.61	3.39	6.92	3.17
1955.	4.83	3.19	1.48	1.32	4.31	3.30	4.04	0.98	3.13	2.39	4.55	5.69

To improve supplies to the Town, the Council agreed to construct a length of new 6" asbestos service main with necessary valves and metres from Rhode Barton reservoir to Sleece Wood an approximate distance of 1050 yards. It was hoped to have these works completed before the summer of 1956.

Water Act. 1945 Byelaws.

These Byelaws were confirmed by the Ministry and came into operation on 4th. April.

At the end of the year, the Council were invited to send representatives to a meeting called by the Bridport R.D.C. and to which representatives from the other Local Authorities in West Dorset, the County Council, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, The Bridport Water Works Company and Lyme Regis Water Works Company were also invited. This meeting was suggested by the Ministry after meeting a deputation from the Bridport R.D.C. in connection with the proposed water supply scheme to the Rural District, and the object of the meeting was to discuss water supplies, present and future in West Dorset and how best to co-ordinate these.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The developed areas of the Town are on the water borne carriage system, largely combined soil and surface, with the exception of the post war housing estate which is on the separate system, and all new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on the latter system. One small area, Ware Lane and one camping ground, are dealt with on separate septic tanks and filters. The Council's seasonal Monmouth Beach area has part water borne system and part Elsan, the latter being collected twice weekly.

Over two thirds of the drainage of the Town is received and discharged into the sea below low water mark by the Eastern Outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900. This sewer from the mouth of the river Lym to it's outfall has very little fall.

The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb.

The 9" portion of this sewer, glazed stoneware pipes, is situated in the movement area of Cobb Road and requires constant inspection and repair.

The severe gale in January cracked one pipe on the 12" diameter Cobb Outfall sewer which was repaired by a 12" split collar. An obstruction of the 12" river outfall sewer was found to be due to a hole made in the top of the pipe probably due to pounding by heavy stones during flood and gale conditions. This was repaired by the Council's workmen working under severe flood and weather conditions.

The 9" sewer at the rear of properties abutting the Cobb Harbour, approximate length 120 yards, is showing signs of chokeage at various points. This sewer is a flat length controlled by a flushing tank at the rear of Bay Cottage, and to carry on during the summer a cleansing manhole has been built in. From the nature of the pipes revealed, the small lip joints made with clay, it is evident the sewer was in use before the laying of the eastern Outfall to which it is connected. This sewer should be completely relaid.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in five blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Cobb Harbour, Monmouth Beach, one small block for men at the Victoria Pier, and also a separate block at the Monmouth Beach for the use of the Sandboy huts and caravans.

Parts of the Ladies' accommodation at the Square, the Ladies' and Gents' at the Monmouth Beach, and the Sandboy huts, are closed during the winter.

Public Cleansing.

1405 bins are collected once weekly of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer, additional collections are made in the business areas of the Town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the Town. All main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on Borough roads by the Council and on classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the Town and Beaches.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Drain defects.....	29.	Drain colour tests.....	20.
Drain inspections.....	27.	Septic tank inspections...	7.
Advice re. drains.....	22.	Defective W.C.s.....	5.
Drain water tests.....	42.	Sewer outfall inspections.	10.
Accumulation of refuse.....	22.	Sewer inspections.....	37.
Workshop inspections.....	6.	Sewer defects.....	14.
Rat infestation.....	10.	Sewer connections.....	14.
Dairy inspections.....	3.	Camp inspections.....	3.
Bakery inspections.....	3.	Fumigations.....	8.
House inspections.....	79.	Total inspections.....	372.
Other Building inspections...	11		

No. of Informal Notices served	10.	Complied with.....	10.
No. of Statutory Notices "	-		

Eradication of Vermin.

No premises were dealt with.

Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide.

Number of licences granted.....	7.
No. of inspections.	14.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken under this heading.

Swimming and Bathing Pools.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all the beaches, and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

Rodent Control.

No full time Rodent Operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen who has attended training courses, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints. Several sewer surveys were made and baitings carried out with the help of the Divisional Rodent Officer.

Camping Sites.

There is one camping site of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres, situated on the hill to the north of the Town with 150 caravan sites licenced for summer use only, and winter storage for a 100 caravans. It is very well maintained, and equipped with water points, drainage points, washing facilities with hot and cold water in well constructed premises, and efficient water borne lavatory accommodation.

On the Monmouth Beach, owned by the Council, there exists a collection of day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. On the same beach, the Council own and let 28 residential chalets for seasonal letting.

These are laid out on concrete foundations with asphalt paths in three terraces around walled-in lawns. Each chalet has an independent water supply, electric lighting and cooking, trapped sink, food cupboard, and drainage connected to the public sewer system. Lavatory accommodation, water borne, is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings and drains to the public sewer. The rest of the site is dealt with by Elsan closets collected twice weekly by the Council.

Schools.

These are regularly inspected. All have piped water, water closets and washing facilities. Pasteurised milk was being supplied to all the schools at the end of the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is no Slaughter House in use in the Borough. Most of the meat is obtained from the Slaughter House in Bridport Borough, and the Council pay part of the cost of meat inspection at this slaughter house.

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors..... 7.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm..3.
No. of Dairies inspected.....3. No. of inspections..... 6.
No. of Notices served.....Nil.

Milk from four farms outside the District and from Wilts United Dairies is retailed in the Borough. Milk is still being retailed from hand-cans. There is no Pasteurising Plant in the area.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 24 samples of milk taken in the district for analyses. These were taken by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Borough Council.

Result.	Heat Treated.	T.T.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	9	5	6	20
Failed.	-	3	1	4

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream 1.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream. 25.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected. 26.
No of inspections.....44. No. of Notices served. Nil.

22 samples were taken for analyses and of these, 16 were in Grade 1, 2 in Grade 2, 1 in Grade 4, and in the other 3, the tests were invalid due to failure of the apparatus in the Laboratory.

Condemnation of Food.

During the year, the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Tinned Meat.	4.	0.	26
" Vegetables	0.	0.	5.
" Fruit.	4.	0.	21.
" Fish.	0.	0.	2.
" Milk.	0.	0.	3.
" Other foods.	0.	0.	12.
Boxed Fish.	0.	0.	14.
Total.	8.	2.	27.

Number of condemnation notes issued, 83.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act. 1938.

No action was taken under the above Byelaws.

Clean Food Campaign.

No action was taken under this heading.

HOUSING.

During the year, 27 families were re-housed in new houses built in 1955, 18 by the Council and 9 by Private Enterprise.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects...25. No. of inspections...25.
 No. found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health
 as to be unfit for human habitation.....Nil.
 No. rendered fit after Informal action.....23.

Action Under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Act. 1936.

No. of Statutory Notices served..... Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Sections 9, 10, and 16.

No. of Statutory Notices served..... Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Sections 11 and 12.

No. of Demolition Orders made 1.
 No. of Closing Orders..... 1.

Re-housing.

No. of new houses completed during the year :-

(a) By Local Authority..... 18
 (b) By Other Bodies..... 9.

No. of new houses in course of construction :-

(a) By Local Authority..... Nil.
 (b) By Other Bodies..... 11.

There were approximately 46 applicants on the housing list at 31.12.55.

Post War Houses.

Completed by (a) L.A. 205. (b) Ministry (Prefabs) 10. 215.
 (c) Private Enterprise (Houses 58 Flats 21) 79.
 No. of houses owned by Local Authority. 364.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

There was one case of Poliomyelitis notified in a visitor who was ill on arrival and was removed to hospital two days later. 22 cases of Whooping Cough were notified.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Head Teachers, and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools. The following cases were notified by the Head Teachers; Chicken Pox 1, Tonsillitis 23, Impetigo 10, Diarrhoea 9, Conjunctivitis 1, Measles 1, German Measles 1, Whooping Cough 16, Ringworm 3, Influenza 129, Colds 52.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the Child Welfare Centre. The following table shows the number of children who have been immunised up to 31.12.55.

Diphtheria Immunisation only.

0 - 4 years.						5 - 14 years.			
Under 1	1	2	3	4	Total 0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total 5 - 14	Total 0 - 14
-	24	16	16	29	85	194	206	400	485

Whooping Cough Vaccine alone or combined with Diphtheria antigen commenced to be used about the middle of the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

The County Council are also responsible for this vaccination. Children, aged 13 years, are tested and when necessary, are vaccinated at the schools which they are attending or at the local County Council Clinic.

Schools.	Grammar.	Senior.
No. in age group.	63	45
No. of acceptances.	52	36
No. tested.	52	35
No. of positive reactors.	9	9
No. vaccinated.	42	24
C/F. to next age group.		
(a) For retest.	1	2
(b) Absentees.	-	1

Note : The above table also includes senior children from the neighbouring Rural Districts.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care
and Attention to suitable Premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1955.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles.....	8	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Polioomyelitis Paralytic....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	22	4	3	7	7	1	-	-	-	-
Totals.	37	4	7	8	11	2	1	1	1	2

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Erysipelas.....	1	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	8	2	1	5	-
Pneumonia.....	3	2	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	1	-	-	-
Polioomyelitis Paralytic....	1	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	22	20	2	-	-
Totals.	37	25	6	6	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1938 - 1955

DISEASES.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Diphtheria.....	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever.....	1	3	-	5	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	1
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Opthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	5	-	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	3	1	3	2	3	6	1	-	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Measles.....	Unknown	-	23	260	7	34	2	67	7	16	2	-	104	47	28	6	-	8
Whooping Cough.....	Unknown	2	51	9	4	-	22	2	4	27	-	-	15	2	47	19	1	22
Totals.	5	6	78	276	14	36	27	81	20	48	8	4	123	61	87	33	2	37

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases notified during 1955.				Deaths during 1955.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0- 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1955

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	-
1939.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1940.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1941.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1942.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1943.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946.	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1947.	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
1948.	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
1949.	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-
1950.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951.	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
1952.	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
1953.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1954.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on Register at end of 1954	7	7	-	3
New Cases notified during 1955.	-	-	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	1	-	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	-	2	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	-	-	-	2
Deaths during 1955.	-	-	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1955.	8	5	-	1

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register.	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted.
		In-spections.	Written Notices.	
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	26	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	3	3	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises.	-	-	-	-
	29	9	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Re-medied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Part V111 of the Act.

OUTWORK.

Sections 110 and 111

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd. by Sec. 110(1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists.	No of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	No-tices served.	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets.	2.	-	-	-	-	-

LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
Adam Armit.	Medical Officer of Health.	1937.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster Assistant County M.O. Dorset C.C..
E. Prescott.	Sanitary Inspector.	1926	Sanitary Insoector's Certificate, Regd. Archd. Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor Lyme Regis Borough.

Address and Telephone Number of
the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Council Offices, 32, South Street, Bridport. - Bridport 2301

Home - "Braeside" Burton Road, Bridport. - Bridport 2566

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected.		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the S.I.	
Foreign Ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Coastwise.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Total.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.

Cargo Traffic - Nil.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V - Water Supply.

(1) Source of supply (a) for the district:

Lyme Regis Corporation supply from springs at Rhode Barton.
and Lyme Regis District Water Company's springs at Pinhay.

(b) Shipping :

Main from Lyme Regis Supply.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory Dorchester. The water supply is chlorinated at the source.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants & hosepipes.

The Harbour Master is responsible for the cleanliness of the standpipes at the Harbour.

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

There are no water boats.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6).

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases is received by the Medical Officer.

(2) Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13). - Nil.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2)). - Nil.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio. (Regulation 14 (1) (b)). - Nil.

(4) Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship". If circumstances arose, then ships would anchor in Lyme Bay.

(5) Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases - other than Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts :

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing, and other articles.

The Sanitary Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and if necessary would carry out the treatment.

Section VII - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, and Dr. P. Hughes, of Weymouth and Dr. C. Hollins of Dorchester.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to :- Dr. F.C. McCallum, Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.9. Tel. No. - Colindale 6041.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease.

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Portwey Hospital. Males Mondays 11 a.m. and Thursdays 5 p.m., Females Wednesdays 2 p.m., also at Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females Thursdays 11 a.m. by appointment, and the V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to Merchant Seamen. In-patient accommodation is provided for at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Medical Officer gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.
TABLE D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships - Nil.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague - Nil.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports would be made.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black Rats.....	Nil.
Brown Rats.....	Nil.
Species not known...	Nil.
Sent for examination	Nil.
Infected with plague	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's issued.	Total Cert's issued.
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	After Trapping.	x After Poisoning.	Total.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

x. State Poisons used and No. of Cert's issued after each poison.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspections & Nuisances.

Nature and number of Inspections.	Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
British. Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Foreign. Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Total. Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

